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FORUM

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Texans remember Alamo, Not much else, test shows

The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — For many Texans, "Remember the Alamo" is a catchy phrase but not words to live by.

Despite Texans' self-avowed love for the Alamo, more than a third couldn't name a single Alamo defender on a recent test sponsored by *The Dallas Morning News*.

"That's bad," said Alamo curator Bruce Winders. "It's not like this history has been hidden. Surely, they've heard of these men."

Only 16 percent of the 403 Texans who took a five-question state history test could name three defenders; 27 percent named two and 21 percent named one.

The easiest question was where IS the Alamo — 91 percent got that right.

Other questions were tougher — much tougher.

Only 9 percent could name Texas Independence Day, which was yesterday (March 2).

Nearly a quarter of the test-takers got one or none right and received an "F." Nearly half got two right for a "D."

20 percent got a "C" and 11 percent received a "B." Only 2 percent got all five questions right for an "A."

The other two questions:

—"From what country did Texas gain its independence?" Mexico, as 77 percent correctly answered.

—"Who were the winning and losing generals at the battle of San Jacinto?" Only 28 percent named Sam Houston and Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

A New York public-research firm conducted the test and said the random sample of 403 people is representative of the entire Texas population.

ANYONE SEEN BOBBY FISCHER?



—Shane James

Sophomore Biology major Jesus G. Saldivar and junior Electrical Engineering major Abel Segovia, Jr. face off in a game of chess at the University Center.



—City of Edinburg

Two crewmen work 150 feet above the ground to finish up a logo on the new water tower in south Edinburg. The emblem, painted on both sides of the structure, features artwork by Cayetano Garza, who is employed by the UTPA Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development. Garza received a \$500 cash prize for his design.

UTPA honors student dies in crash

STAFF REPORT

The Pan American

A 19-year-old UTPA student was killed Sunday in an auto accident on Expressway 83 in La Feria.

Jennifer Salinas, a freshman in the Honors Program, was in the westbound lane when, according to police reports, another vehicle cut her off and forced her into the median.

She apparently lost control, according to a family member, and her vehicle entered the eastbound lane and collided with a pickup truck carrying 5 people, who were injured and taken to Valley Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Dora Saavedra, director of the UTPA Honors Program, who last saw Salinas Friday, remembered her as a student who welcomed a challenge and

was very involved in the Honors program.

"Jennifer was a leader ... committed to helping others. She was a model student — the kind of student you love to have," said Saavedra. "She will be dearly missed by all who knew her and loved her."

Salinas, a 1998 graduate of Mercedes High School and Salutatorian of her class, was active in UTPA's Gamma Beta Phi Honor society.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. today at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Mercedes. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Park in Weslaco.

She is survived by her father, Ruben Salinas; her mother, Maria García; two brothers, Jaime García and Javier García, and a sister Miranda García, all of Mercedes.



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Texas Independence Day ignores historical injustices

By **CARL VILLARREAL**
The Daily Texan

AUSTIN, Texas — Gaining independence implies that an oppressive government has been defeated. In the case of Texas independence this did happen, but another oppressive government took its place. Particularly for the Mexicans and blacks in Texas, March 2nd and the war that preceded it resulted in a loss of independence and liberty. As a historical event Texas Independence Day should not be celebrated with a mythologically inspired pep rally.

Some say "let's put history behind us and just have a party celebrating all Texans." Celebrating the people of Texas is a great idea, but putting history behind us leaves us only to repeat its mistakes.

Because Texas was already under Mexican rule, and those seeking independence were primarily new Anglo settlers, the independence movement could be viewed as an invasion by land speculators and potential slave owners, rather than a typical independence movement. Adventurers from the States were invited to Texas to help fight the Mexicans and they were promised free land for doing so. These Americans often received land that was rightfully claimed by Texas-Mexicans. In addition, Texas independence was a vital step for ensuring the right to own slaves — a practice that was not allowed under Mexican rule. Before the Republic of Texas was born, there were former slaves — escapees from the Southern United States — living freely in

places like Nacogdoches.

The movement for independence could also be described as an invasion by the U.S. in general. For elites in Texas, such as Stephen F. Austin, independence was nothing more than a route to annexation. Austin admitted before independence that "we ought to become a part of the United States." Invasion or not, independence was really a fight for Anglo-American imperialism. Not all those involved in the fighting felt this way, however.

Many Anglo settlers simply didn't want to be governed by the dictator Santa Anna. And many Texas-Mexicans fought along with new settlers from the North and East against the Mexican military. The Tejanos were demanding such things as bilingual education from the Mexican government. But they were to find that their fate under Anglo-American rule was much worse than any lack of resources they had under Mexican rule.

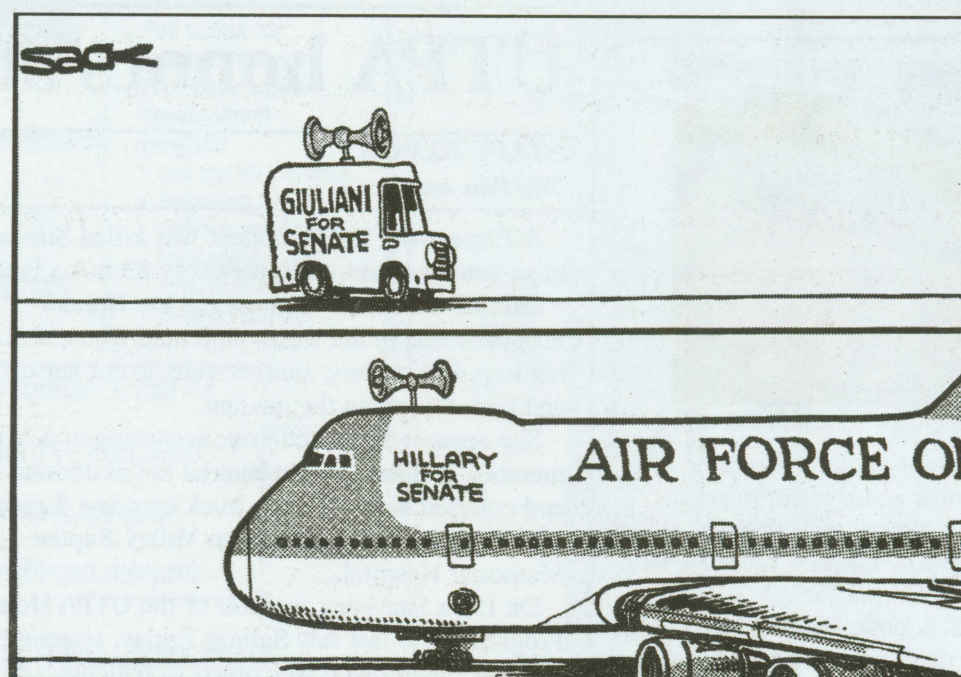
Texas Independence was the beginning of a long history of subjugation of Mexican-Americans. Victoria, for instance, was primarily a Mexican town and many of its residents fought on the Texas side against the dictator Santa Anna. However, because of anti-Mexican sentiment, they were forced to flee soon after. From that point on, Victoria became primarily Anglo-American.

Juan Seguin serves as another example. He fought on the side of Texas primarily because he opposed Santa Anna's centralized government. After the war Seguin served as the only Tejano senator, and immediately

became concerned with the plight of Tejanos in Texas. In a speech to the fourth Congress he said, "The Mexico-Texians were among the first who sacrificed their all in our glorious Revolution, and the disasters of war weighed heavy upon them, to achieve those blessings which, it appears, [they] are destined to be the last to enjoy." Seguin was eventually run out of Texas, forced to leave his land and property behind.

Still the Seguin family did quite well for Texas-Mexicans. Many others never saw any respect from Anglo settlers. Much of their land and property was taken, stolen or bought at extremely low prices by recent, wealthy immigrants from America, who wished to turn land and cattle into profit. A lot of Texas-Mexicans faced harassment and did not enjoy the same rights as their Anglo counterparts. The Texas Rangers had a poor and frightening reputation among the Tejanos. The Rangers were seen as racists and scoundrels who would kill Mexicans while they slept or shoot them in the back.

Some say "let's put history behind us and just have a party celebrating all Texans." Celebrating the people of Texas is a great idea, but putting history behind us leaves us only to repeat its mistakes. Furthermore, by celebrating Texas Independence Day, we are not putting history behind us. We are celebrating a historical day. By having a pep rally, we are celebrating it in a way that doesn't do justice to the real events and tragic occurrences that marked the war for independence and its aftermath.



FORUM

Do hidden cameras sensationalize journalism?

“Prime Time Live” and “20/20” have used hidden cameras to expose faulty food handling practices to cheating auto mechanics. Now they’re striking closer to home for college students.

By **CINDY SZELAG**
The Lariat

Last week, a Fox station in Detroit aired hidden camera footage of a fraternity party at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. WJBK News executive producer Kevin Roseborough told The State News at Michigan State that a female photographer and a female reporter approached the fraternity house and were invited inside. According to Roseborough, the women were not asked if they were reporters, and in no way manipulated or altered the situation.

As a result of this broadcast, which revealed underage drinking (definitely a huge shock) and party guests

who were so intoxicated they were ill (can you believe it?), a 30-day moratorium was placed on Greek social events at Michigan State.

The presidents of the university’s Greek organizations wanted to take the opportunity afforded by the moratorium to re-examine the system’s values and policies.

and hazing mishaps. Some serious thought needs to be given to the issues, and action needs to be taken.

But did we really need a hidden camera report to tell us that underage drinking takes place at fraternity parties?

In the hidden camera, television journalists have a

power who wouldn’t normally give them the time of day. Many necessary and truthful stories have been brought to light with this power.

However, more often than not, it is used irresponsibly, or just to sensationalize stories that are not as visually attractive. One TV news-magazine once used a hidden camera to uncover—believe it or not—that telephone psychics are phonies.

The average man on the street could have told them

forces the notion that all reporters are paparazzi-like stalkers who will do anything for a big break.

Reporters need to take the time to thoroughly research their stories; almost always, information obtained by hidden cameras could have been obtained through less devious ways.

The message here is not just for journalists. Television watchers and news consumers also need to take a “buyer beware” attitude toward hidden camera exposés. All too often, they cover up a lack of responsible reporting or other legitimate information.

A news organization who has to go undercover to find out that underage college students drink may not be the best source for news. It’s definitely worth thinking about.

“...more often than not, [hidden cameras] are used irresponsibly, or just to sensationalize stories that are not as visually attractive.”

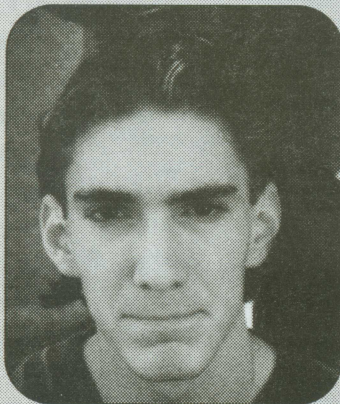
— Cindy Szelag

Fraternity parties and underage drinking are definitely hot topics right now. College students seem to be dropping like flies from alcohol poisoning, car accidents

powerful tool. It gives them the opportunity to be places they wouldn’t normally have access to, see things they normally wouldn’t be allowed to see and talk to

that and saved them money, time and integrity.

These kinds of stories just contribute to the public’s low opinion of journalists. It rein-



Yes...

Marilu Tavarez
Junior
Criminal Justice

Hidden cameras don’t get important information, or tell us anything we don’t know. They sometimes make the story bigger than it really is.

Ken Adler
Freshman
Undecided

The hidden cameras are being used to promote ratings because people reveal things if they don’t know they are being filmed.

Paul Smith
Sophomore
Pre-Law

People are being misled thinking they are not being filmed by hidden cameras, therefore they say things that may be confidential.



No...

Maria Munoz
Senior
Education

Hidden cameras only help journalists to uncover the truth of a story. Hidden cameras are becoming a major part of reporting.

Martha Vasquez
Senior
Math

The actual story is still being told regardless if there is a camera. It only verifies the story.

MARCH

3 ACTIVITY: The Baptist Student Ministry will be hosting a campus revival from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the old science quad. Everyone welcome to attend.

3 ACTIVITY: The Accounting Society will be offering Income Tax assistance from 4 - 7 p.m. in BUSA 112.

6-7 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Texas Wesleyan at 4 p.m. Saturday and Noon Sunday at Jody Ramsey stadium.

6 ACTIVITY: Gamma Beta Phi will be presenting a free self-defense seminar with Third Degree Black Belt George Villareal from 10 a.m. - Noon in the gymnastics room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

7 RECITAL: The Music Department will present a Faculty Voice Recital featuring Dr. Bomgardner at 83p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

8 ART EXHIBIT: Works by printmaker and educator Jack R. Lewis, chair of the art department at Georgia Southwestern State University will be displayed in the University Gallery in the COAS Building through April 15.

9 ACTIVITY: The Office of Placement will be sponsoring the 26th Annual Career Day from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Field House.

9 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will be meeting at Noon in the Science Building room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

9 LECTURE: Jack R. Lewis, chair of the art department at Georgia Southwestern State University will be lecturing at 1 p.m. in FIAB 228.

9 CONCERT: The Music Department will present a Choir Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

10 ART EXHIBIT: Works by Master of Fine Arts students will be displayed in the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery in the Fine Arts Complex through April 8.

12-14 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Yale at 7 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday at Jody Ramsey stadium.

12 DEADLINE: Deadline for submitting art, photography, poetry, and prose for entry in *Gallery*, UTPA's literary-arts magazine, in COAS 266.

15-20 NO CLASSES: Spring Break holiday for faculty and students. Classes will resume March 22.

21 CONCERT: The Music Department will present a

Faculty Concert featuring John Raimo on piano at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

23 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will be meeting at Noon in the Science Building room 1.288.

23 RECITAL: The Music Department will present a Sr. Recital featuring Joe Ayala on saxophone at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

25 ACTIVITY: The Office of the Dean of Students, in collaboration with Credit Counseling Services will be offering free credit counseling from Noon - 1:30 p.m. in UC 307 and 3307-A To make an appointment, call 381-2659.

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Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
UTPA Theatre	381-3581

If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to COAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

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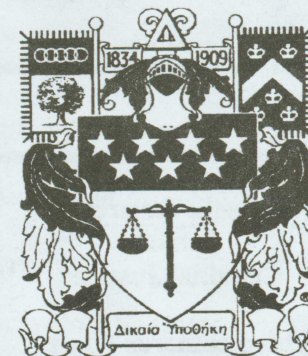
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Gov. Bush considers Presidential campaign

College Press Exchange

AUSTIN, Texas – Gov. George W. Bush said he will announce in two weeks whether or not he will form a presidential exploratory committee.

Bush revealed the information in response to a question after a prayer breakfast in Austin recently.

Mindy Tucker, deputy communications director for the Governor Bush Committee, said an exploratory committee would investigate the possibility of a presidential campaign for the governor. She added that the committee would also begin raising money.

Tucker said the exploratory committee announcement will coincide with an event, but declined to disclose further details.

As for Bush's presidential aspirations, she said the issue has not been decided.

Although Tucker did not mention a specific date, she said that an announcement is yet to come.

"It will definitely be after the end of the Legislature on May 31," Tucker said.

Bush has received national attention as a result of polls showing him to be a strong

front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination. The governor's widespread popularity has led to speculation that he may become a presidential candidate for 2000.

In January, Bush fielded questions about his possible presidential candidacy shortly after the inauguration for his second term as the Texas state governor. Bush said he was contemplating the candidacy but had not yet made a decision. He added that pursuing the presidency had not been a lifelong goal.

"I didn't set out dreaming about being president when I was a kid, nor did I dream about being governor," Bush said. "I dreamed about being Willie Mays ... I couldn't hit a curve ball."

At the time, first lady Laura Bush said she had reservations about the possibility of a presidential bid.

"I just think it's a major life change," she said. "We really have a very nice life in Texas."

The governor has garnered support from several Republican governors, including those from Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico, as well as his brother Jeb, the governor of Florida.



— Jennifer Garcia

UTPA students (from left) Angie Serrato, Elsa Serrato, and Roel Guajardo spend an afternoon relaxing with a game of cards. "We study hard all day. Playing cards together is relaxing," says Guajardo.

U.S., China, trade verbal barbs over human rights

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

BEIJING – The United States and China clashed publicly over human rights as U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright held talks with Chinese officials that failed to narrow differences over any of the major disputes threatening relations between the two nations.

Albright warned Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji this week that he could face a frosty reception in Washington when he visits in April unless China

demonstrates significant progress on some of the many concerns that are souring U.S. attitudes toward China, including human rights and missile proliferation.

But there was no indication that China was prepared to offer any concessions to the mounting anti-Chinese sentiment building in the U.S., which Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxun blamed on a "handful of anti-China elements" seeking to sabotage the progress of U.S.-China relations.

In response, Albright

emphasized that the criticisms about human rights and missile proliferation are not a minority view but reflect broad, bipartisan concerns, within Congress and the administration.

"Secretary Albright gave a clear picture to the premier about what the mood is in the U.S.," said State Department spokesman James Rubin.

Albright rebuked China for its deteriorating human-rights record in discussions that were

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U.S. acknowledges it may have severed Iraq's oil export pipeline

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON – The Pentagon acknowledged U.S. warplanes, in responding to yet another round of Iraqi air defense activations, may have severed the oil export pipeline that is the main support of the battered Iraqi economy and the country's beleaguered civilian population.

Surveillance photographs and other bomb damage assessment data were being reviewed to determine what facilities were hit in the incident, which occurred Sunday, Pentagon officials said.

"We responded to attacks upon our aircraft by targeting those facilities that allowed Iraqi forces to place our pilots in jeopardy," Defense Secretary William Cohen said in a post-action briefing. "We did in fact target a communications facility, which may or may not have interrupted the flow of oil temporarily going into Turkey."

Although it could prove devastating to what remains of the Iraqi economy, cutting the oil pipeline would have small effect on world oil supplies and prices, which are at "glut" levels. The Iraqi Oil Ministry

said one oil worker was killed and two injured in the attacks.

Defense analysts speculated that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein might have deliberately invited the aerial assault on the vital pipeline area in hopes of gaining sympathy and support from Arab neighbors in his continuing conflict with the U.S. and its Western and Arab allies.

Proceeds from the sale of oil transported by the pipeline are used to buy food and other necessities for Iraq's civilian population under a special exemption from the U.N. sanctions imposed upon the

rogue nation for its aggression against neighbors and repression of its own population.

The Clinton administration has been pursuing a policy that attempts to spare the Iraqi people from Western military measures targeted against Hussein and his military in hopes of encouraging opposition to the dictator's regime.

U.S. and British aircraft have been policing "no-fly zones" in the north and south of Iraq largely to prevent Hussein from using his air force against dissident groups among his own people.

Since the U.S. and its allies

unleashed Operation Desert Fox against Hussein last December, in response to his refusal to cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors, the Iraqi military has targeted or fired at allied aircraft in the two no-fly zones some 100 times.

Sunday's attack took place near the city of Mosul, which lies in the northern no-fly zone, not far from the Turkish border. A spokesman for Operation Northern Watch, whose 45 aircraft police the zone daily, said that a flight of

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Looking Back . . .

From the files of *The Pan American*

compiled by Stan Hernandez

5 Years Ago

March 3, 1994 – The Student Affairs Advisory Committee is considering a proposed student fee increase. SAAC will wait for the results of a student tuition referendum to determine the fate of the student service fee. If the referendum is passed, student service fees should not increase for three years.

10 Years Ago

March 2, 1989 – A merger bill passed in the Texas Senate Monday without opposition and will now head to the House where a similar bill is awaiting action. Sponsored by Sen. Hector Uribe, the bill calls for the merger of Pan American with the University of Texas sys-

tem and the granting of full independent status to Pan American University in Brownsville.

15 Years Ago

March 1, 1984 – About 300 people, including presenters from Mexico, Canada, and Central America are expected to attend PAU's third annual conference on rehabilitation and special education. The conference will offer more than 50 presentations, symposia and programs in interest to health care professionals, educators, psychologist and parents with handicapped children.

20 Years Ago

March 1, 1979 – Driving 100 miles is a long way for a car to travel and for a

human to run that distance seems very improbable; however some one forgot to tell that to Juan Garza as he ran to course in 16 hours and 12 minutes. Garza ran from Rio Grande to Brownsville.

25 Years Ago

March 20, 1974 – Pan American Broncs have recorded a school baseball record 22 straight victories while running their 1974 record to 26-3.

30 Years Ago

March 25, 1969 – The first of many campus recruiters will be at Pan American. Representatives of the Peace Corps will be talking to students interested in their program.

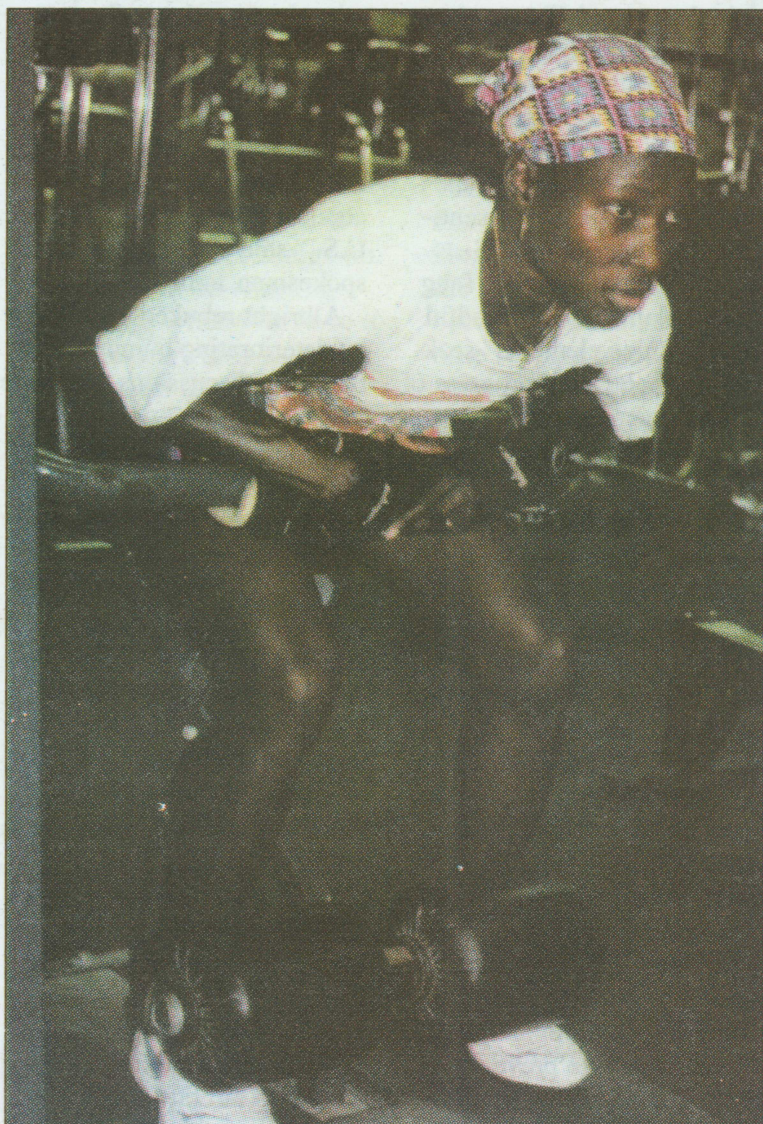
(Photo was taken September 20, 1973)

What Year?



Can anyone guess when this was the way students had to make their way to class? Hint: Many current UTPA students were just babies or not even born.

(Answer at the end of column)



—Shane James

Graduate student Kay Iheagwam works her abs at the gym.

'200 Cigarettes' nothing but smoke

By HENRY GAYDEN
Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas – “200 Cigarettes” - toting a naughty R-rating and featuring a Hollywood-nouveau cast at its rebellious best - appears to be a hard-edged comedy exposing the pain and suffering of living single in New York City, but behind the huff and the puff and under all the smoke lies a run-of-the-mill romantic farce, no more toxic than a candy cigarette.

Opening on New Year's Eve 1981 in the Big Apple, “200 Cigarettes” follows five separate stories set in the East Village, as a large cast of characters seek out love, sex and a helluva good New Year's Eve party.

The 13 lead characters involved in these stories are played by an array of familiar faces, including Ben Affleck, Christina Ricci, Courtney Love and Martha Plimpton (the girl from “The Goonies”), and consequently, the film never truly establishes a name-friendly environment. With each char-

acter receiving a sparse amount of screen time, most of the actors are unable to transcend their celebrity status and become these people in the viewer's mind. For instance, when watching Plimpton's character, Monica, guzzle a bottle of rum, all the viewer sees is the girl from “Goonies,” drinking rum.

The best of the lesser-known stars is Paul Rudd (“Clueless,” “The Object of My Affection”), who plays Kevin. He has just been dumped by his ex-girlfriend, and his best friend Lucy (Courtney Love) attempts to cheer him up by taking him out on New Year's. As the evening progresses, Lucy dares Kevin “to f@#k me,” and what evolves is the realization that they both have unseen feelings for each other. Albeit Love is miscast as the slut with a heart, Rudd proves to be the most amusing character in the film and single-handedly elevates this story.

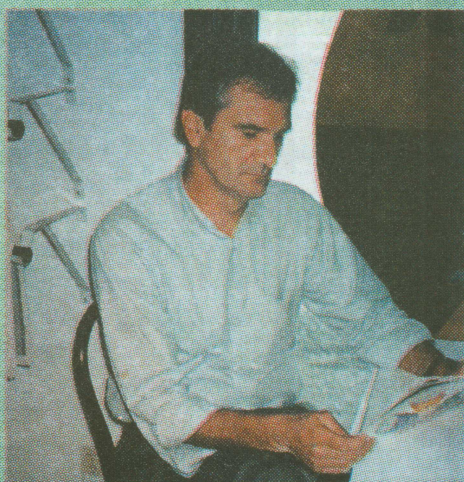
The worst of these tales concern two young teens, played by Ricci and Gaby Hoffman,

as they walk the dangerous side of New York in search of a party. Each time the film cuts to this story, the interest quotient of the audience is noticeably lowered.

“200 Cigarettes” is at its best without dialogue. The little touches of physical humor not called for in the script — facial expressions, the proud little glance one makes after sneezing into a Kleenex and the artistic interpretation of the vagina to name a few — provoke the most laughs of the film.

In this post-Tarantino age, all five stories converge at the end in one big New Year's hoe-down, just as the film dwindles into its third act. Yet “200 Cigarettes,” which gave each character a similar driving force — the desire to party — cheats its viewers by giving them a glimpse of the final bash. Instead, the viewer is treated to the aftermath of the party, where each character wakes up the next morning with a sudden revelation about life.

Faculty Profile



Dr. Ivo Slavnic

- Rolando Gonzales

Dr. Ivo Slavnic, assistant professor of English, was born and raised in the former Yugoslavia. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Cambridge University and his Ph.D. from the University of Sarajevo. Prior to coming to the states, he had a productive teaching and publishing career, culminating in a Visiting Fellowship at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. He arrived in Texas as a Fulbright lecturer and researcher to UT Austin in August 1991. Soon after his arrival, the war broke out in the former Yugoslavia, making it impossible for him to return to his hometown and teaching job at the University of Sarajevo. After three years at Austin, he joined the UTPA faculty in 1994. Since then, he has been teaching English and comparative literature at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. "I try to help students enjoy and appreciate literature they read." He also believes that what makes a good university is not just a high quality faculty but, even more importantly, a good and motivated student body.

POSITION: English/Tenure Track, Assistant Professor

YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS: Hard work

TRAIT YOU ADMIRE IN A PERSON: Integrity

TRAIT YOU LEAST ADMIRE: Deception

WORDS YOU LIVE BY: Respect and enjoy diversity

QUALITY MOST NECESSARY IN YOUR JOB: Ability to communicate with students

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB: Interacting with students and enjoy research

WHAT YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT YOUR JOB: Grading

The Last Book You Read: "Errata" by George Steiner

YOUR IDEA OF HAPPINESS: Live peacefully

BEST ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Try to get the most out of your college years.

'8MM' can't stay focused

By PAUL EMIG
Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Joel Schumacher wants us to forget about the last two Batman movies really, really badly. And he certainly gets an "A" for effort. Schumacher is trying so hard to make a gritty, brutally violent action movie, but his "8MM" is a little too eager to disturb.

Nicholas Cage plays Tom Welles, a private investigator with a loving wife and baby daughter at home, who is plunged into a world of darkness when he takes a case from the widow of a steel mogul. The billionaire left a snuff film in his safe. Snuff films, in which someone is killed on camera, are an urban legend in the porn community (so the film would have us believe). But this film is the real thing, and as Welles delves into the depths of the porn world to find the identities of the victim and the filmmakers, he must resist being changed by the grotesque world he is inhabiting.

The first half of "8MM," in which Welles unravels the mystery behind the snuff film with expensive, high-tech gadgetry and cool P.I. tricks, is slow but moderately entertaining. Like most great detective films, the fun is in the crime-solving. But in its second act, the whole film goes awry when Cage shifts into vigilante mode. It's not enough to find the men responsible for the titular film. They need to be punished with the same brutality they showed to this poor little girl, and the film quickly becomes a cliched revenge melodrama.

Cage continues his post-Oscar funk with a painfully repressed performance. There is no trace of the wild Cageian energy that we've come to love. At

first, his detective is mellow, deadpan and almost bored, and drags the film's energy down with it, but towards the end, Cage over-emotes like never before. He merely clicks the switch and transforms into a screaming, ranting madman.

Joaquin Phoenix manages to entertain as Cage's wise-cracking tour guide through the world of underground porn ("It's like a gas station," he tells a customer in his bookstore, "ya gotta pay before ya pump."), but most of the other cast members are dreadful, especially Peter Stormare (the creepy, silent guy in "Fargo") and Catherine Keener ("Your Friends and Neighbors"), in a throw-away wife role, reduced to nagging her husband about smoking.

But the real trouble lies in Schumacher's direction. His action scenes are uninspired (how many times can Nicholas Cage drop his gun?), his actors are going through the motions and he seems to have lifted entire scenes from "Seven" and "The Silence of the Lambs." He tries desperately to recreate the magic formula that worked so well for those movies, but something went wrong somewhere.

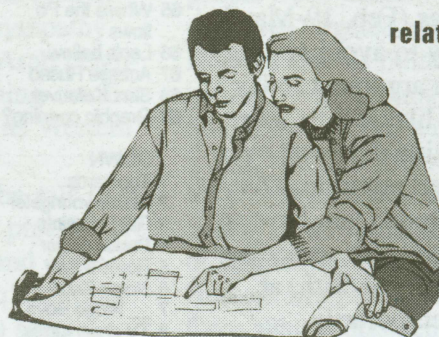
Blood plus sex and violence plus creepy soundtrack and a big payoff at the end equals success, right? It's a fool-proof formula most of the time. Schumacher thinks making moody, disturbing horror films is as easy as setting entire scenes in total darkness, killing people in brutal ways and including a few sexually explicit acts. It's just not that easy.

What Schumacher lacks in talent, he tries to make up for with shock. But "8MM" never shows us enough to disturb us. It always stays on the surface, always taking the easy way out.

Shots! Your Information Hit...

Office Mates

Would you date the hottie in the next office? 76% of students responding to an animalhouse.com poll said they'd date a co-worker if it didn't interfere with their work. The remainder felt that office relationships always end in disaster.



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Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19) The more careful you are, the fewer jobs you'll have to do over. Neatness counts, and appearances matter almost more than what's behind the props. Life is a stage, so put on your best performance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Nobody would deny that you're a practical, hard-working person, but you do like your luxuries. Today, that's your problem. You could get distracted by something you find overwhelmingly appealing, and make yourself late for an appointment.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) If there are still changes you want to make, go ahead and push for them now. Your problem is that you're too popular. You'll have to choose tonight between a meeting with friends and a date with somebody you love.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You can expect snags today, so watch out for them. If you can't be two places at once, you'll have to speed things up. You can do amazing things when you have to. You may also have to explain to a loved one that work takes priority now.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Your fortunes have been bouncing up and down for the past few days, but don't despair. You're entering an intense learning phase. Don't let that news scare you, either, but be patient.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pay attention to the various comings and goings today, especially if money is involved. That's how you'll find out what's really happening. All is not as it appears to be. On the surface, it may look like there's too much, when actually there's not enough.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're getting luckier and better looking. Unfortunately, you're not really getting noticeably more decisive. Just the opposite may be true. No need to worry. Others are glad to look out for your interests.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) The secret to your success today is relationships. Somebody owes you a favor, and vice versa. You won't have to pay for what you want, if you can trade. You're a great back-scratcher, and pretty good at figuring out what other people need.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Push a little harder, to get over the top. Meetings may tie up your business and even private time. You'd rather be relaxing with friends, but that may have to wait.

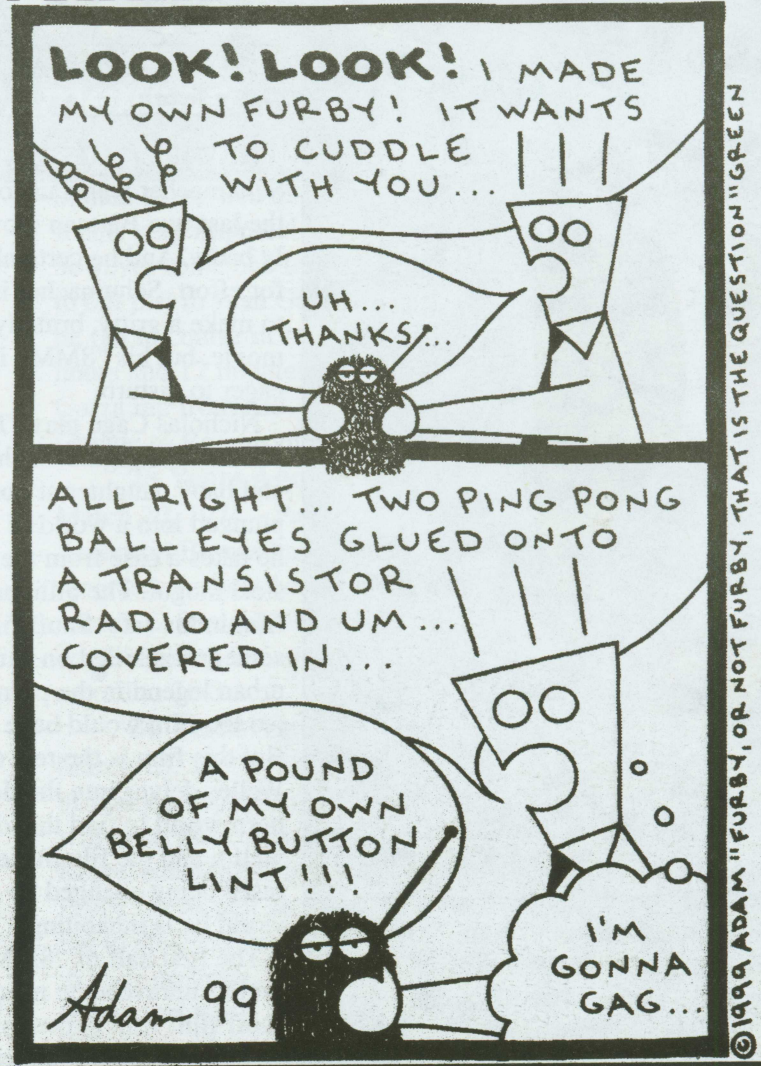
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should have pretty well figured out where you're going by now, and that's good. The action's going to get fast and furious. Hopefully you've done the homework already, because there won't be time for that now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) All sorts of new information is coming in, and you're gathering it up as fast as you can. It's important, too, because you need to learn quickly in order to stay ahead of the competition. You have an incredible advantage right now, so don't waste a moment of it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Try to avoid getting into an argument today. Looks like it'll be more expensive than you ever dreamed possible. That might mean you have to go along with someone you disagree with, at least temporarily.

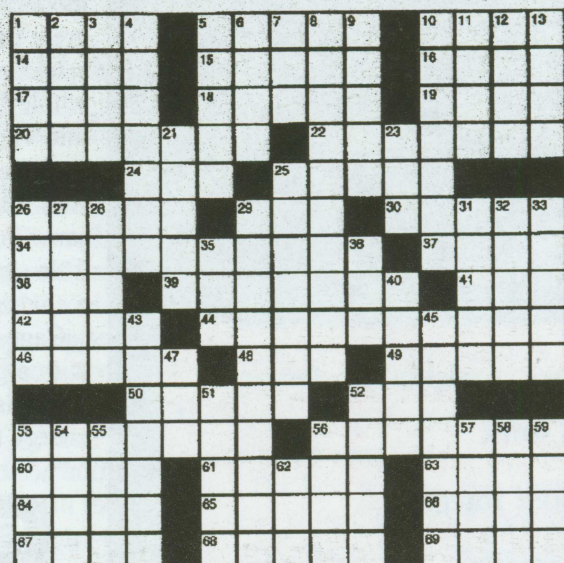
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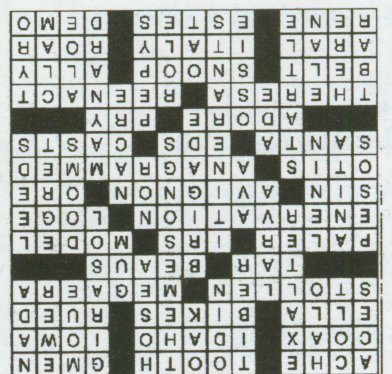
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 - 17 Cinder ending?
 - 18 Two-wheelers
 - 19 Felt regret
 - 20 German cake
 - 22 One of the Three Furies
 - 24 Black goo
 - 25 Boyfriends
 - 26 More washed out
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 - 30 Sample house
 - 34 Loss of vigor
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 - 38 Moral misdeed
 - 39 City on the Rhine
 - 41 Vein to mine
 - 42 Elevator man
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 - 49 Chooses actors
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 - 56 Perform again
 - 60 Boxing trophy
 - 61 Eavesdropper
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 - 65 Where the Po flows
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 - 68 Sen. Kefauver
 - 69 Graphic opening?

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 - 2 Stable youngster
 - 3 Ring of saints
 - 4 Praise singer
 - 5 Rome's river
 - 6 Norse Zeus
 - 7 Ridge Boys
 - 8 TV show tunes
 - 9 Old Testament book
 - 10 Fire opal
 - 11 Pouting face
 - 12 Water pitcher
 - 13 Nothing in Nogales
 - 21 Newly hatched stage
 - 23 Plant secretion
 - 25 British fire department
 - 26 Cost of a taco
 - 27 Playwright Loos
 - 28 Last name in Communism
 - 29 Wanderers
 - 31 Destines to an unhappy end
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 - 33 City on the Aire
 - 35 Gardner of "Mogambo"
 - 36 Negative conjunction
 - 40 Mother-of-pearl
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The TOP Five

FILMS

1. "Payback," Paramount
2. "Message in a Bottle," Warner Bros.
3. "My Favorite Martian," Disney
4. "October Sky," Universal
5. "Blast from the Past," New Line (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE

1. "Angel of Mine," Monica. Arista.
2. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
3. "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston (featuring Faith Evans & Kelly Price). Arista.

4. "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive.

5. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.

ALBUMS

1. "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive.

2. "Americana," The Offspring. Columbia.

3. "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse.

4. "N Sync," 'N Sync. RCA.

5. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument.

(From Billboard magazine)

Publisher's Weekly Best Selling Books

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Testament" by John Grisham (Doubleday)

2. "Southern Cross" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)

3. "Be Cool" by Elmore Leonard (Delacorte)

4. "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperFlamingo)

5. "A Man In Full" by Tom Wolfe (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)

2. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)

3. "Blind Man's Bluff" by S. Sontag and C. Drew with A. Drew. (Public Affairs)

4. "How to Get What You Want and Want What You Have" by John Gray (HarperCollins)

5. "Perfect Murder, Perfect Town" by Lawrence Schiller (HarperCollins)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Message in a Bottle" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Vision)

2. "The Street Lawyer" by John Grisham (Dell/Island)

3. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)

4. "Protein Power" by Michael R. Eades and Mary Dan Eades (Bantam)

5. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

Wisconsin law students work To save man on death row

College Press Exchange

MADISON, Wisc. — Four law students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison are working long hours these days to save a man's life.

Jeffrey Day Reiber was convicted in 1992 of killing a convenience store clerk during a robbery and is one of 160 inmates sitting on death row in Alabama. He often thinks of the students scrambling to help him because he knows his life depends in part on their work.

The students can't seem to ditch thoughts of Reiber either. They are the first Wisconsin law students to visit a prisoner on death row while working on a capital case.

"It's strange at first to meet your client on death row," said Elliot Milhollin, one of the students working on the Reiber case. "It puts an interesting take on things. I'm doing all of this research on constitutional standards, which is very abstract until you meet Jeff."

"When I started working on the case, I wondered if you can separate yourself as an attorney from your clients, and in some sense you can," Tina Galbraith said. "When it's 10 p.m., I can close my books on my homework, but I stay up and work on this project. The stakes are different."

The class - titled Law and Contemporary Problems: The Death Penalty - led by law professor Frank Tuerkheimer. The former federal prosecutor has been working on Reiber's appeal since 1996, shortly after a for-

mer student at the Equal Justice Initiative, an Alabama organization that works with death-row inmates, asked him to take the case.

Tuerkheimer sensed the case's importance and recruited two attorneys from his law firm and students Milhollin, Galbraith, Fred Burnside, and Mary Sowinski to help him.

The group is seeking to overturn Reiber's death sentence on an appeal that focuses on whether he received proper representation from his court-appointed attorney. Tuerkheimer said he believes Reiber, who, like many death-row inmates, has little money, was not given an adequate defense.

A jury recommended that Reiber receive life in prison without parole, but a judge overruled that recommendation and sentenced him to death. Under Alabama law, judges are not required to follow juries' sentencing recommendations in capital murder cases, but must give them a great deal of weight. Alabama is one of only four states where a judge isn't bound by a jury's decision.

The judge deciding Reiber's fate imposed the death penalty because he said the murder was premeditated and that Reiber shot the store clerk twice - the second time while she was helpless, Tuerkheimer said.

The appeal could take several more years to complete, he added.

"I was opposed to the death penalty before this case," Milhollin told the Badger Herald. "But now I am opposed to it for so many other reasons."

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U.S. planes was targeted several times by Iraqi radar, prompting American F-15 fighters to respond with ground attacks following standard rules of engagement. "U.S. F-15Es dropped more than 30 2,000-pound and 500-pound laser-guided bombs on Iraqi communications sites, radio relay sites and anti-aircraft artillery sites," the spokesman said.

It was the second such Iraqi provocation in two days in what has become an almost daily succession of them.

According to National Defense University Middle East expert Judy Yaphe, it's possible Hussein's regime used radar signals to provoke U.S. aircraft to attack various facilities in the area of the incident.

"The question is, did the Iraqis set us up?" said Yaphe, a former U.S. intelligence officer. "They use movable radars, which they turn on and then turn off. They do that all the time. They've been trying to force an accident for some time. If he can't shoot down a plane and capture an American airman, Saddam tries for collateral

damage (against civilians)."

In an embassy briefing in Washington last week, British Minister of State Derek Fatchett said that Hussein's failure to win sympathy from Arab leaders in the region had helped put him "in a desperate state" and that downing a U.S. or British aircraft and crew has become Hussein's "clear objective" for propaganda.

Under an "oil for food" arrangement aimed at alleviating civilian suffering because of sanctions, Iraq is allowed to sell \$5.2 billion worth of oil every six months, which has worked out to about 2 million barrels a day.

The Iraq-Turkey pipeline has been the main conduit for getting the oil to market, though some is transported across the border in trucks. A long-closed pipeline from Iraq through Syria has not yet been reopened, and a third line through the south, used primarily for smuggling oil out of the country during the period of sanctions, was knocked out of commission during the Operation Desert Fox air war in December.

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"forceful" and "tough," according to Rubin. She spelled out that the United States and China "cannot have a normal relationship so long as these kinds of human-rights issues remain in an area of sharp disagreement," he said.

Tang responded by accusing the U.S. of "wantonly interfering in other countries' affairs using the excuse of human rights," a reference to the release of a State Department rights report last week that was sharply critical of China.

China issued its own human-rights report slamming American practices. The report assailed poverty, homelessness, racism, gender discrimination, low voter turnout, police brutality and poor prison conditions among others.

No progress was reported either on Chinese concerns about U.S. plans to extend a missile defense system known as Theater Missile Defense to the island of Taiwan. Albright sought to explain that the missile system was defensive and would not be required if there were no missile proliferation in the area, officials said.

The visit highlighted the extent to which relations have soured since President Clinton's summit with President Jiang Zemin last June.

In the week immediately preceding Albright's visit, the deterioration accelerated, with the release of the State Department's annual human-rights

report, a Pentagon report describing sharply increasing deployment of Chinese missiles against Taiwan, a U.S. administration decision to block the sale of a satellite to China and China's use of its veto in the United Nations Security Council to force an end to the mandate of the U.N. peace force in Macedonia.

Albright's trip was intended to pave the way for agreements that could be announced during Zhu's visit to Washington in April, the first by a Chinese premier in 15 years. The visit also intended to sustain the momentum of high-level exchanges that began with President Jiang Zemin's visit to the U.S. in 1997 and continued when Clinton traveled to Beijing last year.

There are still hopes that an agreement will be reached on the terms of China's entry to the World Trade Organization in time for Zhu's visit. Albright stressed that Washington would not link progress on that with human-rights issues.

"We determined some time ago that it was not a good idea to link human rights and trade and that we actually make better progress in both when they are not linked," she said.

But she spelled out that for the visit to be a success, it would not be enough for China to offer trade concessions without also demonstrating progress on other issues.

Shots! Your Information Hit...

Family Values?

Call you late for dinner?
In high school, did you ditch dinner
with the folks to hang out with your
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parents had to be home for dinner while
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86%



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Yankee legend makes spring training visit

By **BILL MADDEN**

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TAMPA, Fla. — Shortly before 12:30 Monday, George Steinbrenner's lunch was interrupted when a Yankee security aide entered the Legends Field dining room and informed him that Yogi Berra was in the building.

Bolting from his chair, The Boss hastened out the door and down the corridor to greet the true Yankee legend, who is in town for Tuesday's Veterans Committee Hall of Fame election meeting. That Yogi elected to combine his Veterans Committee mission with a visit to the Yankees' spring training complex would appear to put the official stamp on his detente with

Steinbrenner. This was, after all, the first time he had set foot on "Yankee

soil" in 14 years. "It's a tremendous feeling," Steinbrenner crowed. "It makes it a great spring. Now if we just get Joe D to pull through, it'll be a great spring."

Steinbrenner, of course, knows that is not going to happen; that DiMaggio, the greatest of all living Yankee legends, is too ill to leave his home in Hollywood, Fla. So it is Yogi to whom the torch is being passed, and everyone around Legends Field knew and understood that.

When Berra entered the clubhouse after sitting on the bench with Torre and Don Zimmer for most of the intrasquad game, Bernie Williams and Derek Jeter looked up in genuine awe from their adjoining lockers.

"It's very nice to meet you," Williams said softly, his eyes affixed

on Berra, who had been escorted by a security man at Williams' request over to their lockers.

"Hey, Yogi," asked Jeter, "what's it like to have 10 rings?"

"I only wear this one," Berra replied, showing him the one with a diamond encrusted '5' on the face. "It's the one we got for winning our fifth straight."

"Five in a row?" Jeter replied incredulously. "Wow!"

"You guys can do that," Berra said, "if you stay together."

"Well, you're not going anywhere," Jeter said to Williams, he of the new seven-year, \$87.5 million contract.

Berra smiled at the exchange between the two young future Yankee legends.

"He's still Yogi," said Zimmer, who is probably Berra's closest friend

among today's Yankee family. "He comes out and sits with us and you could tell how much fun he had just being around again. You know he calls me over the winter just to see how I'm doing. Do you know how that makes me feel?"

What about opening day and the first ball?

"I might," he said. "I don't know if I can make it reach."

It has been 14 years since he's had to try. In that time, the Yankees have won two more world championships and some of Berra's closest friends, Mickey Mantle, Allie Reynolds, Eddie

Lopat, Mel Allen - Yankee legends all - have died. But Monday, the most beloved legend of them all was back on Yankee turf once again.

Phillips will try Football in Europe

Associated Press

NEW YORK—Lawrence Phillips, whose NFL career short-circuited after two seasons, will try again this summer in NFL-Europe.

Phillips, the troubled running back from Nebraska who was the sixth overall pick in the 1996 draft, was chosen in the 10th round of Tuesday's NFL Europe draft by the Barcelona Dragons.

Phillips was released four days into training camp last summer by the Miami Dolphins, where he landed in 1997 after being released by the St. Louis Rams. That came four weeks after his latest brush with the law, one that resulted in six months probation after a confrontation with a woman in a bar.

His 19 months in St. Louis were marked by three arrests and 23 days in jail for violating probation after a drunken-driving arrest in California.

Phillips gained 632 yards as a rookie and 633 yards before being released in November after he regularly missing meetings. In two years, he averaged just 3.3 yards per carry during his career.

Phillips has been a controversial figure since his college days.

He was considered a Heisman Trophy contender as a junior, but was suspended two games into the 1995 season after he pleaded no contest to assaulting a former girlfriend. He was reinstated for the Fiesta Bowl, then skipped his senior season with the Cornhuskers to turn pro.

Conference tournaments offer Second teams a second chance

By **ANDREW BAGNATO**
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO — In places such as Indiana, Kentucky and North Carolina, the college basketball season began four months ago.

But in the rest of the country, it begins this week, when the major conference tournaments tip off from Chicago to New York and Kansas City to Greensboro.

It's time to dust off the cliches: One and done. Cinderella. And don't burst your bubble, Bubba.

For the Dukes, the Michigan States, the Auburns and the Connecticuts, this is the week to tune up and get healthy. The elite teams are playing to protect preferred seeds and sites; a defeat won't spell disaster for any of them.

But for many other schools, the next week holds a shot at joining Samford and Winthrop.

Samford and Winthrop? Sounds like an estate-planning firm. But don't snicker. Over the weekend those schools earned their first NCAA tournament bids.

DePaul would love to be mentioned in the same sentence. There's only one way for the Blue

Demons to make it happen—with a foray deep into the Conference USA tournament in Birmingham.

The Demons are among dozens of teams in the major conferences who are taking the hard way into the field of 64. There are 30 automatic berths, most of them reserved for conference tourney champs, and 34 at-large bids.

Most of the at-large bids come from major conferences. Conference affiliation is not among the criteria used by the selection committee, but coaches believe it is a factor when the committee gets down to the toughest decisions.

The Big Ten figures to produce at least six tourney teams—Michigan State, Ohio State, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Purdue.

Six could be twice as many bids as the storied Atlantic Coast Conference receives. The league has been portrayed as down a bit this year. Don't tell that to Mike Krzyzewski.

"It seems to be a neat thing to say the ACC is down and (it) should only get three teams," Krzyzewski said. "But it's not the people in this league who have to play these teams who are saying that."

"Just mathematically you play 16

conference games," added Krzyzewski, whose team became the first in ACC history to win all 16. "Six of those games have been played against top-10

teams. Maryland and ourselves have been top 4 or 5 all year, and North Carolina has been in the top 10 most of the year.

The Big East looks to send five representatives to March Madness.

The five: UConn, Miami (Fla.), St. John's, Syracuse and Villanova. Villanova helped itself by beating St. Johns this weekend.

In the Southeastern Conference, it looks as if five teams will go—Auburn, Kentucky, Florida, Arkansas and Tennessee. The Volunteers strengthened their argument Sunday by completing a regular-season sweep of Kentucky. Mississippi or Mississippi State may be able to squeeze in with an upset or two in the conference tourney.

Meanwhile in the Big 12, Texas, Kansas and Missouri are solid. Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State will battle for a fourth spot.

NBA Roundup

Associated Press

The following is a rundown of Monday night's NBA action.

Nets 99 Celtics 97

Keith Van Horn's short jumper from the right baseline bounced up off the rim and fell through as time expired to lift the struggling New Jersey Nets to victory over Boston.

Van Horn, who finished with 20 points, grabbed Eric Murdock's miss, turned and fired a shot that hit the side of the rim before bouncing up and through as the buzzer sounded.

Antoine Walker led Boston with 21 points and rookie Paul Pierce had 20. The loss ended the Celtics' three-game winning streak.

76ers 104 Wizards 91

The Sixers and Allen Iverson outhustled the Wizards, handing Washington its fourth straight loss while extending the Sixers' winning streak to five games — their longest in seven years.

Iverson, 13-for-24 from the field and had 25 points at halftime. He finished with 38.

The Sixers won their fifth straight for the first time since Jan. 25, 1992. They are four games over .500 for first time since Nov. 20, 1991.

Hornets 91 Raptors 88

Derrick Coleman hit the go-ahead free throw with 16.8 seconds left and then blocked Doug Christie's layup in the closing seconds to lift Charlotte over Toronto.

Coleman finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Hornets.

Charlotte nearly blew a 13-point fourth quarter lead as Toronto's Dee Brown, who was scoreless entering the fourth quarter, brought the Raptors to within 88-86 after hitting his fifth 3-pointer with 3:18 left.

Rookie Vince Carter had a chance to put the Raptors ahead, but he couldn't convert a layup with 37.3 seconds left.

Knicks 85 Cavaliers 78

The Cleveland Cavaliers nearly set an NBA record by making only 21 field goals — just two above the record-low — in their loss to the Knicks.

Patrick Ewing had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Allan Houston had 15 for the Knicks, who were playing the second of three games in three nights.

Shawn Kemp scored 19 points, although he missed all seven of his second-half shots, and Derek Anderson 15 for Cleveland, which hadn't played since last Thursday.

Magic 70 Hawks 67

Penny Hardaway nearly had a triple-double with 19 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as the Magic overcame poor shooting and mistakes down the stretch to beat the Hawks.

Hardaway made four free throws in the final 2:48 and also blocked a shot and grabbed a crucial rebound after a bad inbound pass.

Nick Anderson scored 15 points for Orlando and Austin finished with 11. LaPhonso Ellis scored 15 and Tyrone Corbin had 11 for Atlanta.

Lakers 97 Suns 91

Dennis Rodman pulled down 16 rebounds, scored seven second-half points and in the Lakers victory over the Phoenix Suns.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 25 points, but was 1-for-5 at the free-throw line for the Lakers.

Kobe Bryant sank two free throws with 12.4 seconds to play to help clinch the victory.

Los Angeles is 3-0 since Rodman joined the team and 4-0 since coach Del Harris was fired.

Athlete Profile



A. J. Seaholm

- Christina Garza

A .J. Seaholm has proven he's not only an asset on the baseball field, but in the community as well. A 6'5 senior, Seaholm plays at first base for the Broncs baseball team. Seaholm transferred to UTPA from Hutchinson Junior College in 1997. At Hutchinson, he set a record by hitting 12 home runs a season and last year he hit .240 with two home runs for the Broncs. Seaholm currently involves himself in several community service activities, such as the Beach Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity, and the Adopt-a-School program at Escandon Elementary. He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and serves as Secretary for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is also a member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, which will be attending a competition in March.

HOMETOWN: Billings, Montana

CLASSIFICATION: Senior

MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Broncs Baseball team, Secretary of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Member of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

BEST THING ABOUT UTPA: The people and the weather

MAIN GRIPE: The Financial Aid department

ROLE MODEL: Parents

FAVORITE GETAWAY SPOT: Still Water River

HANDLE STRESS: Flying model airplanes

PERSONAL MOTTO: Work hard and good things will happen

DREAM JOB: To be an engineer

BEST FEATURE: Work ethic

PROUDEST FEAT: Playing Division I baseball

Better season leaves room for improvement

By **JOE LEAL**
Sports Editor

The '98-'99 Lady Bronc basketball team finished their best season under third-year coach Kathy Halligan. However, it would be safe to say this year wound up a far cry from what Halligan expected.

"I'm very pleased with the second half of the season," said Halligan. "They did a good job considering how 20 road games can hurt such a young team."

The Lady Broncs' eight wins in '98-'99 mark the most since UTPA went 10-17 under Cletus Green in 1995-96. After a 1-12 start, the Lady Broncs finished a strong spring semester at 7-7. With six sophomores and four freshman, chemistry came late this season. The slow improvement did allow for several bright spots along the way.

Offense

The Lady Broncs enjoyed a solid season offensively. UTPA scored the

most points ever under Halligan with 1688. Their '98-'99 scoring mark is 353 points more than last season and 242 points above the '96-'97 total.

"It's a process. We still have a lot to overcome. We want to play up tempo with people that can slash, shoot, and finish," said Halligan.

Three Lady Broncs averaged at least nine points a game. Sophomore Cheveron Terry led UTPA at 9.7 points per game. Terry's season high came when she dropped 20 points in a win at Schreiner. She also led the Lady Broncs in scoring eight times this season — the most of any Lady Bronc.

Senior Julie Shakin and Sophomore Cara Steed both averaged 9.2 a game. Shakin came off the bench for five double-doubles — four straight in January. Shooting percentage improved this season to 37 percent from the field — seven points higher than last season.

Defense

If fans saw freshman Lindsay Jacques running like she stole some-

thing, chances were she had. Jacques set a new season record in steals with 76. She shattered Danielle Chavez's '96-'97 mark of 64. Had she not missed seven games, that number would surely have been higher. As a team, UTPA accumulated 313 take-aways — 82 more than last season.

"We're not going to play zone. We want one-on-one match ups. 82 more steals means we're getting better. There will probably be more next year," said Halligan.

Senior Jenny Rae Gaytan's 28 steals this season give her 99 for her career, leaving her in second all-time.

Next year

With the departure of Shakin, the Lady Broncs will look to solidify the center position.

"We need some big people. We were slim inside. We're looking at one or two for the five position," said Halligan.

Halligan also indicated a new point-guard will probably be brought in as well.



—Bert Gonzalez

Cheveron Terry led the Lady Broncs in scoring this year.

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